

## CONNECTICUT EMS VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE, A COMMITTEE OF THE CT EMS ADVISORY BOARD

Approved Minutes for September 10, 2009 at Scotland Volunteer Fire  
Department 47 Brook Road, Scotland, Ct.

Attendance: J. Paretzky, R. McKeon, S. Kosciusko

Guests: Jonathan Lillpopp, Kevin Brown (OEMS), Ray Arnott, Anthony Kasacek,  
Jr., Shayne Kettle.

6:30-7 PM introduction to Scotland Volunteer Fire and EMS short by Chief  
Kasacek, Jr. The service was established in the early 1940's. The call volume is  
about 180 EMS calls and 40 fire calls. The service is all volunteers. It is at the  
EMT-B level. Funding comes from billing for services, fund raisers and from the  
Town. The volunteer roster has 42 members. They have a tax abatement program  
in place.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chair Jay B. Paretzky

The minutes for the Volunteer Meeting on June 11 at the Storm Engine Co  
Ambulance & Rescue Corps, in Derby was Approved

**Chair Report:** The request from the Volunteer Committee to have all MRT and  
EMT certifications be for three years was attached to a technical bill currently at  
the Capitol. We are not sure if it will be approved, the request was backed by  
OEMS. Jay will continue to track the bill.

The Volunteer Committee requested that the minimum staffing for all levels of  
EMS in CT would be changed to allow an MRT and any level EMT ( B, I, and P)  
make up the minimum staffing requirements. The EMT B, I or P would be  
responsible for patient care during transport. A survey from EMS organizations in  
the state will be conducted to see the support for this request.

CORC submitted a proposal to the Advisory Board and state Legislators out-lining  
is plan to continue the Regional Councils with funding reduced by 20% from  
\$675,000 per year to \$540,000 for all five councils. The plan also shows  
efficiencies by having one audit; one accounting system, one contract and a  
reduction of duplication of administrative functions. The Councils will focus on the  
core missions, testing, providing assistance to EMS organizations and support the  
easing of administrative burden on Connecticut's volunteers.

Discussion about the prior goals and objectives of the Volunteer Committee was held.

Two pending issues are still supported by the Volunteer Committee they are:

- 1) Support an act concerning the study of CT EMS, OEMS, Recruitment, Training, Initial Certification and Retention of Emergency Services Personnel-funding request of \$150,000 for an independent study.
- 2) Support an act concerning the Equipment and Training Grants for Emergency Medical Services-funding request for \$250,000 to support equipment needs, training, recruitment and retention of EMS personnel.

EMS-C has asked for suggestions for training. Suggestions were: PEP on line programs, Cardiac, Special needs, MCI and respiratory training for pediatric patients. EMSC Conference scheduled for October 24, 2009

Discussion about leaving reports at hospitals.

Distribution of the active EMS personnel as of 5/19/2009 report and discussion.

CT EMS Advisory Board activities reported by the Chair.

CT OEMS report –given out

Questions to Kevin Brown about the National Scope of Practice status NR will be in Ct for meetings on 10/14/09 Interested parties should contact Kevin for additional information.

Next meeting: November 12 At North Branford Volunteer Fire Department 1351 Middletown Avenue in Northford ( North Branford) CT 06472 NBFD Company 4 ( Ambulance ) station.

6:30 PM light refreshments 7PM-9PM meeting.

Adjourned 20:35

Jay B. Paretzky Chair CT EMS Volunteer Committee, a Committee of the CT EMS Advisory Board

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